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1. On 3 January 1953, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg, was occupied by an artillery unit. On 5 December, the wooden buildings in the northern part of the installation were still under construction despite the fact they were partly occupied by 15 heavy prime movers. On 17 December, 80 to 100 soldiers received infantry training in the barracks yard. Three groups of about 16 soldiers with signal equipment were seen on the road north of the installation. Motor vehicles

and a truck were seen.

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2. On 3 January, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by an artillery unit. On 27 December, a total of about 120 troops were seen in the installation. They included 40 soldiers engaged in firing practice and some maintainance trucks

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3. On 8 January, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. All quartering buildings were lighted after nightfall. Prior to 8 January, about 20 x 152-mm howitzers were seen in the installation. Only the maintainance of vehicles and drilling of small details were observed. Two colonels, 5 lieutenant colonels and 12 majors were seen in the installation.

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4. The officers of the barracks installations west and east of Leipziger Strasse were billeted in a restricted area outside of the installations. they totaled about 250 men.

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5. On 8 January, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including a few with motor transport insignia. All barracks buildings were fully lighted at dusk. No training activity other than maintainance of vehicles was observed.

Comment. The barracks installations east and west of Leipziger Strasse are occupied as previously by the 38th Army AT Arty Brig and the 43d Army Arty

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Brig respectively. According to the weapons mentioned in paragraph 3, the 43d Army Arty Brig appears to have two battalions each equipped with 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers in addition to two AT battalions.

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